

Mayor and City Council Update November 13, 2020

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads



Library

Circulation Rebounding: October was definitely the library's best month since February. October 2020 was only 9.25% off from last year's totals. Customers are using the library's digital resources (up 22% ytd) and being strategic about their in-person visits.

Sesquicentennial Research: Mary Moore and Jennie Eldredge spent the morning with Jennifer Bennett digging through her files on Wednesday, November 11, scanning historic photos of the city, events and city personnel. The Sesquicentennial Book Committee is seeking rare photos depicting the people, places and events of Smyrna for possible inclusion in the celebration book. If you have images, drawings, charts, records or other information you would like to share with the committee, please email your files and recollections to Mary Moore (mwmoore@smyrnaga.gov).

Museum

Museum Update: Learning About Standing Peachtree:

Did you know that a large, Native American village once stood at the oxbow bend in the Chattahoochee River at Atlanta Road? **Standing Peachtree Park** is now located on part of this historic site on the Atlanta side of the river. Archaeology has shown that both sides of the Chattahoochee in this area were inhabited by Native Americans as far back as 8,000 B.C.E.

When Cobb and Fulton Counties built a water treatment facility in the area in the early 1970s, they took care to record and preserve some of the history and artifacts at the site before it was lost. Students and teachers from Campbell High School, Pebblebrook High, and the Atlanta School System all took part in these excavations. Recovered objects and records from these projects are housed at the Antonio J. Waring Archaeology Lab at the University of West Georgia.

The Smyrna Museum has some of these fascinating finds on loan from Cobb County and the Waring Lab. Come explore the Smyrna area's Native American history during November, **Native American Heritage Month**. Sign up at www.SmyrnaHistoryMuseum.com



Department of Environmental Services (KSB)

Recycling Center

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm

Thursday – 10:00am to 6:00pm

TVs, computer monitors, and large appliances will be accepted again starting tomorrow November 14th. With the acceptance of these items, we are back at accepting all materials at the center that we accepted pre-COVID.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful

Jonquil bulbs: All bulbs are sold out for 2020.

Parks & Recreation

This week Park Maintenance has been busy hauling out and putting up the holiday light displays in the downtown area, working on athletic fields and keeping the parks and all the restrooms clean. Many people continue to utilize their neighborhood parks which is great to see, and it certainly keeps us busy.



We have made good progress re-working and tweaking the Mountain Bike trails at North Cooper Lake and will continue to work on them until each area that needs to be addressed is completed.

Once Little League concludes their Fall season at the end of this week, we will look ahead to the Spring Season and take the time in-between to work on all aspects of the baseball fields, and also address some trees and large branches that have encroached over field fencing and need to be cut and or trimmed back.

On Tuesday the 10th, we held our Community Input meeting regarding the master planning of Rose Garden and Cobb Parks. Those who attended were able look through some concepts of proposed changes and offer their input as to what changes they would like to see in these parks.



COBB PARK IMPROVEMENTS
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ROSE GARDEN PARK IMPROVEMENTS
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We have completed all storm damage related clean up and repairs, with the exception of the minor damage that occurred to the Tolleson Tennis restroom building gutters that will be addressed in the near future. We will continue to clean up after the falling leaves as we progress through leaf season.

We are now offering “Learn N Play Wednesdays” from 9a – 2p. This program will run on Wednesdays through the end of the year (or later). Currently Cobb County Schools are not offering in person or virtual classes on Wednesdays, so we have taken this opportunity to offer this special camp.

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool is currently open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. And on Fridays, from 8:00 am – noon. Members are calling in to reserve slots for water walking, lap swimming, fitness center and exercise classes. Since reopening on July 6, we have had a total of 6,400 visits, with a daily average of 86 members. The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool started taking new members on July 24. Since that date we have added 48 members.

We are currently holding Tae Kwon Do classes and yoga classes at the Community Center. We expect to bring gymnastics and dance back in January 2021.

12 Events of Christmas 2020 style...this year we will be doing a “Drive by Santa” event. City residents will sign up for a personal visit with Santa. Santa will go to those houses that have registered and spend max 10 minutes with the family.

We are also doing two drive in style movies in December. We will be showing "Home Alone" and "Home Alone 2". We will also be doing some social media activities the month of December including hiding a miniature elf in a park and providing clues to the public to find it. We are also looking at putting mobile photo ops up in the parks.

Parks and Recreation was proud to be the host site for the Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday, November 11. In order to keep guests out of the weather, the city invited everyone into the Community Center and welcomed a room full of those honoring our Veterans who served our great country.



Public Works

Public Works: Bill Warren – Building and Grounds Supervisor has taken certification classes to become a certified flagging and safety instructor to start in house certification classes for public works employees. Bill conducted his first 2 certified flagging classes on 11/10/20 and 11/11/20 to about 15 public works employees.

Public Works Water/Sewer Division: Started yearly valve insertion for isolation valves on Hillside @ Bank Street, Bank Street @ Stone Creek, and Bank Street @ Parkwood Road. Pinehill Dr side of these valve insertions are completed Isolation valves allow the department to shut down the water in certain areas to do repairs without effecting as many residents in the area project 80% complete. Water/sewer yearly sewer sonar testing in Ward 5 the project runs acoustic waves through our sewer pipes to determine if flow is being impeded from build up or debris the project is 60% complete. Yearly Manhole installation is 80% completed. Water sewer installs manholes at beginning of main line to access the sewer during emergency backups.

Public Works Street Division: Currently maintaining right of ways and asphalt repairs, repairs to storm drains that intel of CIPP (cured in place pipe) lining. The locations which the lining will be done include Bank St @ South Cobb project 50% completed, and 380 Mockingbird Lane project 45% completed, Floyd Drive storm water project consist of 700 LFT of 60" storm drain began 11/16/2020. Lavista Place along with Cedar Cliff Dr storm pipe rehabilitation was added to the list for CIPP.

Public Works Annual Paving: Project completion time frame is no longer than 3 weeks. Milling will start on 11/16 - 11/17/20 on Cooper Lake Road and paving on 11/18/20. Milling will start on 11/18/20 for Mosswood Court and paving on 11/19/20. Milling will start on 11/19/20 Creatwood Trail and paving on 11/20/20. Milling will start on 11/20/20 at Collier Gate Court and Montclair Circle.

Public Works Windy Hill Road Water Sewer Modifications: Contractor RDJE has installed all new sanitary sewer. Water line installation 98% complete, RDJE has started CCTV of sanitary sewer to start the CIPP (cured in place pipe). All side streets have been tied into the new water main. The only remaining water main installation is from Ventura to South Cobb Drive then the water will be 100% complete.

SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin is installing temporary road and parts of the permanent road delayed due to utility conflicts and weather a date has yet to be determined when traffic will transition. Traffic light contractor installing conduit and wiring for the new temporary traffic lights they have the first set of temporary traffic lights installed at Ward Street intersection. Baldwin has made a request to close San Fernando Road at Windy Hill for improvements for the Windy Hill Blvd Passed by Mayor and council. Work at San Fernando is scheduled to be completed by 11/24/2020.

Church street roadway improvement's: Phase 1 complete with water main, Islands at South Cobb and Aline Wolfe have been completed with landscaping, Sidewalk 95% completed. Phase 3 will begin with milling, Sidewalk 95% completed, and islands have been cut out and formed for curbing to define island locations. Phase 3 will begin with milling, paving, and stripping of the roadway, Bartow Paving will mill and pave roadway during the resurfacing project to cut down on mobilization cost. Phase 4 will be the installations of speed tables this phase will be done by public works street department.

Police Department

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| Total number of arrests: | 48 |
| Total number of citations issued: | 593 |
| Total number of citation warnings issued: | 209 |
| Total number of calls for service: | 1407 |

Fire Department

Incidents

Fire - 0

Medical – 63

Other - 42

Total - 105

Community Development

| | | Permits | |
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| Type | # | Estimated Cost of Construction | Location |
| Building New/Residential | 5 | \$1,285,907 | 1-Dunton 2-Hayes Walk at Forest Hills 2-Grove at Adams Pond |
| Building Remodel/Residential | 11 | \$ 184,941 | 3-Interior 4-Re-roof 3-Addition 1-Pool |
| Building Remodel/Commercial | 4 | \$1,458,000 | 3-Remodel: 1625 Roswell St (Food Hall Bldgs 100 & 200), 2380 S Cobb Dr (Wendy's) 1-Re-roof: 1325 Highlands Ridge Rd (Industrial office park) |
| Electrical | 5 | - | - |
| Plumbing | 2 | - | - |
| HVAC | 4 | - | - |
| Signs | 6 | - | 1-Monument Sign: 1625 Roswell St (Food Hall Bldg) 5-Wall Signs: 4480 S Cobb Dr (Brazilian Wax by Andrea), 4499 S Cobb Dr (T-Mobile 2X), 5350 United Dr (CBD American Shaman 2X) |
| Grading | 1 | \$60,000 | 1-Commercial: 1065 Windy Hill Rd (Taco T) |
| Total | 38 | \$2,988,848 | |

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

| Type | Number | # of Sites |
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| All | 294 | 106 |

NEW BUSINESSES

| Name | Location | Home/Commercial | Description |
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| PIEDMONT SIGNING SERVICES, LLC | 2560 HADDENHAM LN SE | H | NOTARY |
| SOUTHEAST PARKINSON'S SPEECH SERVICES | 5200 LAUREL BRIDGE CT SE | H | THERAPIST |
| RCAA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC | 2401 LAKE PARK | C | NON-PROFIT |